REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-10 are objected to for formal matters, but would otherwise be allowable.

<u>Drawings</u>

Applicant proposes to amend Figures 1-3, as illustrated in red on the attached photocopies. In Figure 1, it is proposed to add reference number --46--. In Figures 2 and 3, it is proposed to correct the cross hatching for the plastic type material. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the proposed amendments to these figures. It is believed that the foregoing proposed amendments obviate the outstanding objections to the drawings. Approval of the proposed drawing changes is respectfully requested.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to cure obvious grammatical and idiomatic inaccuracies, and to the reference to the U.S. application mentioned in the specification. It is believed that the foregoing amendments to the specification overcome the outstanding objections thereto. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

Claim Amendments

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 9 to obviate the objections set forth in the outstanding Office Action.

Since claims 1-10 have been indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections, no detailed discussion of the cited prior art references is believed to be necessary.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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